Dear Brian Hayes, 10/12/81

The books herewith.

If I was able to help your thinking in any way, I'm glad.

I would not go so far as to agree that "any fictional writing about this subject doesn't seem possible." Depends on your plot. For example, the assassination can be incidental to something else. Remember, assassination is always a political crime and always has political consequences. LBJ made major changes in JFK's policies, although it is little recognized. Dominican Republic and recognizing military distatorships is one. Vietnam another.

And while it is not possible to make any firm conclusions about what really happened in terms of who did it, it is not at all impossible to reach firm conclusions about what did not happen. For example, there never was any real investigation of the crime itself.

Penn's newsletter is pretty wild because he is. Remind him that you asked about the ~~XX~~ 26.

I sometimes find the news stories he reprints informative.

Best wishes,